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FROM AG ATTACHE

TOFAS 149 FOR HUME, ADMINISTRATOR

1. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MOYLE IS PRESSING NEW ZEALAND MEAT PRODUCERS BOARD TO AGREE TO A DAIRY CALF RETENTION SUBSIDY OF DOLS NZ 30.00 PER HEAD, THE SUBSIDY TO WITHHOLD FROM SLAUGHTER AS BOBBY CALVES THOSE CALVES COMING UP IN THE CURRENT SEASON. MEAT BOARD CHIARMAN HILGENDORF STRONGLY OPPOSING THIS SUBSIDY IN VIEW OF U.S. POSITION ON SUBSIDIES PAID FOR MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS IN THE EEC WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE MARKETING IN THE U.S. HILGENDORF GAVE ASSURANCES ON SUBSIDY ISSUE TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BELL ON HIS RECENT VISIT NZ.

2. EMBASSY IS BEING PRESSED FOR ITS VIEW AS TO U.S. POLICY REGARDING SUBSIDY PAID TO PRODUCE MORE BEEF WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK MARKETS IN U.S. WITHIN TWO YEARS TIME. CALL FROM HILGENDORF ASKING EMBASSY TO PUBLICALLY CLARIFY ITS POSITION SOON AS THIS VERY EXPLOSIVE ISSUE BETWEEN DAIRY SECTOR AND BEEF, SHEEP AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAMB SECTORS.

3. WE URGENTLY NEED USDA GUIDANCE IN THIS MATTER IF CALLED
UPON TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT.

4. MINISTER MOYLE DUE IN WASHINGTON JULY 25 TO CONSULT WITH
SECRETARY BUTZ.

5. AGATTACHE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.

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